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These were off limits to PWs. A local headquarters building, about 10 x 30 meters, had a small annex. The two-story building was enlarged in 1943 by two more floors housing PX and an administration room. About 12 pilot students were instructed every day at a weather station which had a windcone. A cantonment building, about 10 x 20 meters, with a large annex, served as winter quarters for passengers. The two-story "commanders' houses" were each about 8 x 20 meters. Then was a two-story DF station, about 15 meters square, to which a telephone cable from the local headquarters building was laid in 1947. It was occupied by one officer, two senior sergeants, and three junior sergeants. A fuel dump, magazines, garages, large quartering tents etc. were also at the field.

3. The field was occupied :
 - a. Twelve to fifteen twin-engine transports with radial engines, single rudder assembly, landing gear retracting rearward, retractable tail wheel, thirty-two seats, eight in direction of flight (the observation was made while unloading camouflage nets and roofing paper).
 - b. Six single-engine fighters with radial engine, rear section of cockpit extending as far as about trailing edge of wings, retractable landing gear. Individual flights were occasionally made but pilot students with a metal stripe on their epaulets were mostly given theoretical instruction on the planes.
 - c. Three single-engine aircraft with in-line engine. They were never flown, only used for instruction purposes.
4. Commercial planes made intermediate landings every day.
5. Besides the ground personnel up to 150 pilot students were temporarily stationed at the field.

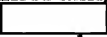
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6. The airfield west of Mineralnye Vody had some hangars and buildings.  who worked at the field said that it was in a very good condition.
 7. The field was occupied by about 15 twin-engine aircraft with radial engines and single rudder assembly, and about 10 biplanes.
 8. The large airfield west of the town, south of a railroad line, had three large solidly built hangars and was occupied by 30 to 40 multi-engine aircraft and biplanes.

1 Annex: Mineralnye Vody Airfield.

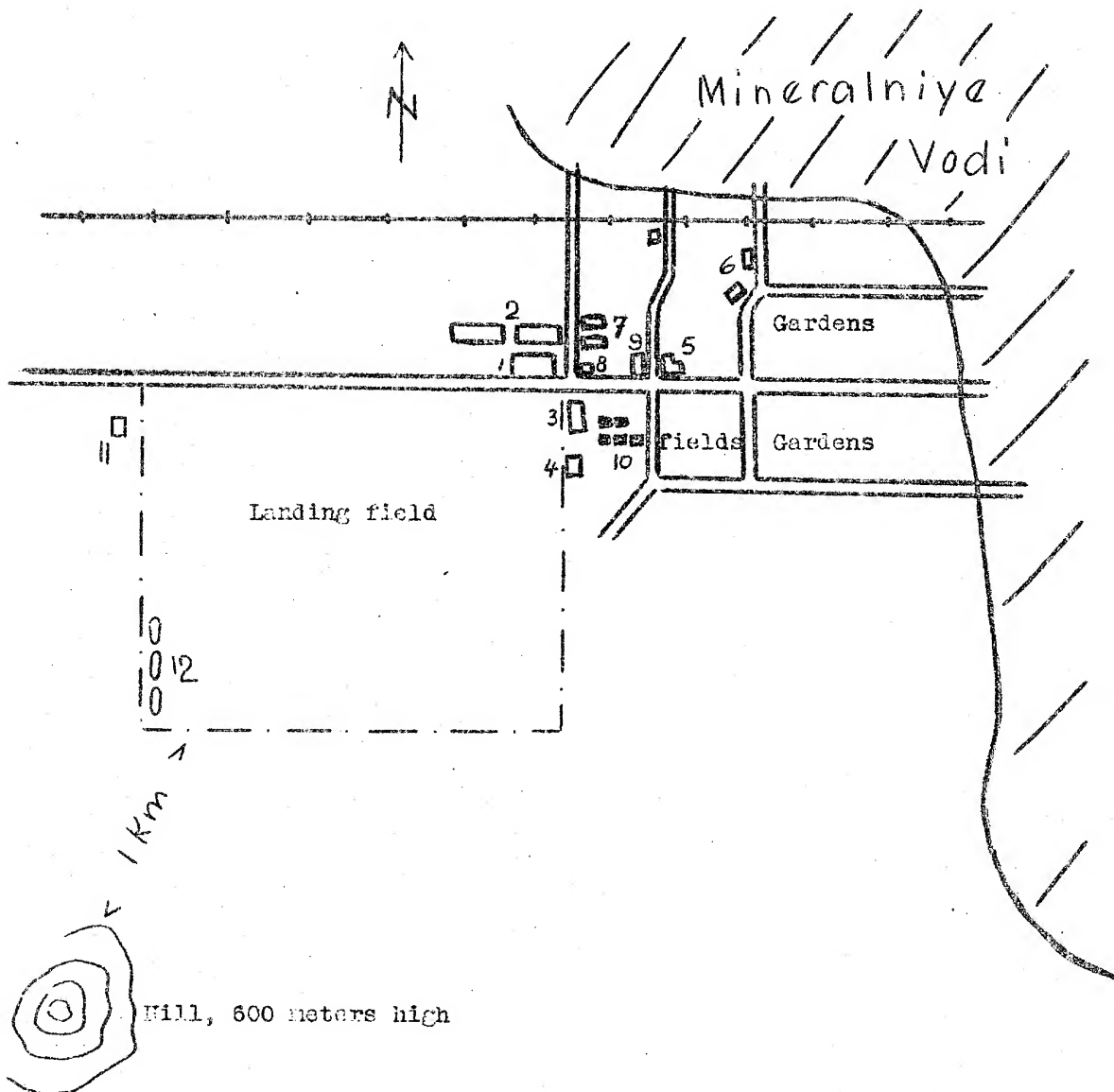
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Mineralnye Vody Airfield

Legend:

- 1 - Workshop
- 2 - Two repair hangars
- 3 - Local headquarters building
- 4 - Weather station
- 5 - Quarters for passengers
- 6 - Commanders' houses
- 7 - Garages
- 8 - Magazines
- 9 - Kitchen
- 10 - Five large quartering tents
- 11 - DF station
- 12 - Underground fuel dump

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